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MEDIA ADVISORY: OFFICE OF STATE CONTROLLER TO ANNOUNCE EXPANSION OF CJLEADS PROGRAM TO STANLY, UNION AND ANSON COUNTIES

New Database Already Helping Law Enforcement Catch Criminals

State Controller David McCoy will announce the expansion of the CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) program to Stanly, Union and Anson counties January 18 with a regional kick-off meeting at the following location:

Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 10:00 AM. – Stanly County Sheriff's Office Training Room, 223 South Second Street, Albemarle.

Media are invited to attend.

Joining OSC at the regional kick-off meetings are area legislators as well as criminal justice professionals (law enforcement officers, district attorneys, judges, magistrates and clerks) in the respective counties. At each of these meetings OSC will provide a demonstration of CJLEADS that will show the potential and benefits of this important new tool. In addition, OSC will coordinate training schedules with the local criminal justice organizations. Criminal justice professionals can begin to use CJLEADS after completing the training class.

Background

The Office of State Controller deployed the CJLEADS program to Wake County as a pilot in July, 2010. OSC is now proceeding with the statewide deployment. Phase I deployment activities began in December and will continue through June, 2011. Subsequently, Phase II and Phase III will continue from July, 2011 through June, 2012.

The pilot is integrating data found within the state's various criminal justice applications and is providing up-to-date criminal information in a centralized location via a secure connection for use by state and local government criminal justice professionals. CJLEADS has two primary objectives: to provide a comprehensive view of an offender through a single application, allowing for positive identification of an offender through a photographic image; and to provide an "offender watch" capability to alert criminal justice professionals when an offender has a change in status. CJLEADS replaces the manual process of looking up historical criminal data from multiple systems and reduces the risk of overlooking critical data.

Several agencies that are part of the Wake County pilot project have shared results of having access to CJLEADS. These testimonials and additional information about CJLEADS can be found on our website

<u>http://www.cjleads.nc.gov</u>. For an online demonstration of CJLEADS please go to: <u>http://www.osc.nc.gov/cjleads/NCCJLeads_Demo_rev02.swf</u>.

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